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My dear Garrison,

Mr. J. Eastman, who is getting up the Anti-Slavery Reunion in Chicago, not knowing your address sent me a letter for you, which I have just rosted. It is, I presume an invitation to the Reunion. Mr. E. was with Lundy in Illinois, and took his paper at his death, and finally merged it in the Weekly Chicago Tribune. He was a Liberty Party man, but the call for the Reunion seems to be broad and fraternal. I was invited, and of course had to say I could not go. I offered, however, if they wished me to do so, to send the sketch of your life which I prepared for

our New York Posterity Club, and they replied urging me to send it. I have done so accordingly. It is a sketch that will occupy about an hour in the reading. I have made it an imporable condition that it shall be read and printed entire and without change if at all. Mr. Eastman writes me that he has read it carefully, and deems it very valuable, and he promises to fulfil my conditions to the letter. Of course, you will not be at the Convention to blush at my panegyric; but, indeed, the tone of the sketch is in no sense extravagant. I have endeavored to set your life and labors in their true light, and yet to avoid exciting the

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I enclosed, by accident, to Lincoln (OS)
of Atlas
for you, the latter part of the sketch,
covering the time from 1833 to the
close of the conflict, is very brief;
but I could not make it longer
before the Lords, and I had
not time to enlarge it before send-
ing it to Mr. Eastman. I have en-
deavored to put your differences
with the political abolitionists
in such a light as not to provoke con-
troversy, thinking the occasion one
that did not demand a full
and sharp defence of your views.
I have also tried that, in spite of

your Discussions views, you had the highest respect for such men as Chase, Sumner, Wilson, etc., who served the cause, according to their own judgment, in the Political field. In the course of my sketches I mean to go into the subject at greater length and give your (or our) views a better setting.

I want you not to fail to criticise my sketches sharply, & to correct any mistakes, you may discover, and offer any suggestion that may occur to you.

My family is getting on well, and we are very happy in our new home; but we shall be happier still when we can have you at our hearth. The great wheat is

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looked for about the 20th of June,
but it may come a little earlier
or a little later.

I hear that Fanny is now
with you, with her three children,
and perhaps her husband also.
Pray remember me very warmly
to them, as well as to the other
members of your household.

Yours, Lovingly,

Oliver Johnson.